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1. IN CONVERSATION MAY 2, PRIME MINISTER'S DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR ANDREA CAGIATI SUMMARIZED HIS OWN FAVORABLE VIEWS OF PROPOSAL FOR NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THESE VIEWS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE THINKING OF PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI.

2. THE PROPOSAL FOR A NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER IS TIMELY AND ANSWERS A REAL NEED. AS CAGIATI SEES IT, PROPOSAL SHOULD PROVIDE A FURTHER DIMENSION TO ATLANTIC RELATIONS. NEW CHARTER SHOULD SUPPLEMENT AND REINFORCE PRESENT RELATIONS, WHICH AT MOMENT ARE ALL TOO OFTEN FOCUSED UPON NARROW, MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

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WE NEED, HE SAID, AN OVERVIEW OF THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH OUR RELATIONS ARE BASED, WITH DIRECTION AND GOALS WHICH SHOULD TRANSCEND MATERIALISTIC ISSUES.

3. THE BORADENING OF SCOPE IN THE NEW CHARTER, TO INCLUDE JAPAN, IS ALSO WISE AND NECESSARY IN CAGIATA'S VIEW. NEVERTHELESS, CAGIATI EXPRESSED SUBSTANTIAL RESERVATIONS WITH REGARD TO JAPAN'S ROLE IN ANY NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER RELATIONSHIP. BASED ON IMPRESSION FORMED DURING PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT VISIT TO JAPAN, CAGIATI SAID HE FOUND JAPANESE OBSESSED WITH MATERIAL REALITIES, TO THE EXCLUSION OF BROAD CONCEPTS OF OVERALL FOREIGN RELATIONS. CAGIATI DOUBTED THAT THE JAPANESE COULD CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO THE CONCEPTUALIZATION OF PRINCIPLES AND GOALS WHICH SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW CHARTER, BUT WAS CLEAR IN HIS VIEW THAT THE JAPANESE MUST SOMEHOW BE INCLUDED.

4. CAGIATI REFERRED AGAIN TO THE IDEA (PARA 2 REFTEL) THAT POMPIDOU MIGHT ACT AS SPOKESMAN FOR EUROPE WHEN HE MEETS WITH THE PRESIDENT AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. CAGIATI NOTED THAT THE FRENCH MIGHT BE MORE FORTHCOMING IF POMPIDOU WAS THE EUROPEAN SPOKESMAN. VOLPE

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